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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, Applicants request entry of the amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the claims.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.